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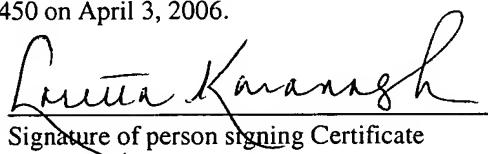
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Sir:

An Office Action for the above-noted application was mailed on January 3, 2006. Following receipt of this Office Action, Applicants' agent of record, Veronica Mallon, requested a telephonic interview with the Examiner. Such telephonic interview transpired on March 23, 2006.

Prior to the interview, Applicants representative, Veronica Mallon, forwarded a draft of proposed claim amendments for discussion. During the interview, Dr. Mallon clarified what Applicants believe to be the differences between the references cited in the Office Action (Shawkat and Shalaby) and the present invention as claimed.

More specifically, Applicants' representative noted that the proposed claim amendments to claims 1, 2 and 26 now included "closed end" language and that the claims now recited "consisting essentially of" rather than "comprising". Furthermore, the phrase "at least" in claim 1 was deleted.

The Examiners suggested that Applicants cancel the composition claims and file method claims. Applicants' representative noted that she would discuss this option with the inventors.

Applicants' representative respectfully thanked the Examiners for their time and suggestions.

Fees

It is believed that no fees are necessary in connection with this submission. However, if any fees are due, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing discussion, Applicants submitted a response to the Office Action on April 3, 2006, and will wait for further and favorable action on the merits of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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